

GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES LAST NIGHT

Thirty-First Annual Commencement of Rensselaer
Public Schools Held in Auditorium.

The thirty-first annual commencement exercises of the Rensselaer public schools was held in the auditorium of the new high school building last evening. A large crowd of patrons and friends of the graduates were present to hear the music and the addresses. The program was carried out just about as announced. The music was furnished by high school pupils under the direction of Miss Stover, the supervisor of music.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Otis W. Caldwell, of the University of Chicago. The address was an interesting and able discussion of the subject "Educational Efficiency."

Following the address, Mrs. Dr. Kannal, of the local D. A. R., presented the prizes which had been offered to the

members of the senior history class for the two best essays on topics in American history. The first prize was awarded to Aileen Allman and the second to Nelle Parker.

Principal Dean then presented the class to the board of education for graduation, in a few well chosen sentences setting forth the merits of the class. In particular he called attention to the beautiful curtains which the class had bought for the stage in the high school auditorium as a token of their appreciation of what the school had done for them.

The diplomas were then presented to twenty-nine seniors by Mr. George A. Williams, president of the school board, who took the place of Dr. H. J. Kannal, who was to have made the presentation, but was called out of town and could not be present.

After the distribution of the diplomas the audience arose and sang "America," the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. G. Winn and the school year of 1912-1913 passed into history so far as Rensselaer is concerned.